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SUBJ: AWACS DISCUSSION WITH FRANCE

REF: STATE 230599

BEGIN SUMMARY: WITH REGARD TO FRENCH INTEREST IN
DISCUSSING AWACS OUTLINED REFTEL, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE
PROPOSES THAT SUBJECT BE EXPLORED BETWEEN DR. PERRY
AND GENERAL MARTRE WHEN THE TWO MEET IN CALIFORNIA
NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY.

1. AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL, POL MIL OFFICER QUERIED
DANIEL CONTENAY, DIPLOMATIC ADVISER TO DEFENSE
MINISTER BOURGES, RE FRENCH WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT
DELEGATIONS TO DISCUSS AWACS AND NPW VISITS AS A
RESULT OF CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER BARRE
AND SECRETARY BROWN. WE HAVE REQUESTED APPOINTMENT
WITH DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR PAGNIEZ AT FOREIGN
MINISTRY TO GO OVER SAME TWO POINTS.

2. CONTENAY WAS UP-TO-DATE ON BOTH CONVERSATIONS.

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HE AGREED THAT AWACS AND NPW ISSUES ARE SEPARATE
AND NOTED THAT, WHILE MOD HAS PRIMARY ACTION ON AWACS,
FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS PRIMARY ACTION ON NPW VISITS.

3. CONTENAY CALLED SEPTEMBER 29 TO PROPOSE FOLLOWING
WITH REGARD TO AWACS. GENERAL MARTRE (DELEGUE
GENERALE POUR L'ARMEMENTS) WILL BE MEETING DDR&E

PERRY IN CALIFORNIA OCTOBER 3, 4, AND 5 AS PART OF
REGULAR MEETINGS OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS.
CONTENAY CONTINUED THAT MOD BELIEVES THAT MOST
PROFITABLE AVENUE WOULD BE FOR MARTRE AND PERRY TO
DISCUSS AWACS, ATTEMPT TO DELINEATE INFORMATION WHICH
GOF MAY NEED, AND ARRANGE FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS,
IF NECESSARY.

4. WE TOLD CONTENAY WE WOULD INFORM WASHINGTON OF
THIS IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE CONFIRM THAT THIS COURSE
OF ACTION IS ACCEPTABLE.

5. WILL REPORT ON NPW AS SOON AS WE HAVE RESPONSE.
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